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Chris Taylor, Project Development Manager
Zilkha Renewable Energy
210 SW Morrison Street, #310
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Subject: Wild Horse Wind Power Project

Dear Chris:

Thanks for organizing the meeting and field tour of the Wild Horse Wind Power site that has been proposed by Zilkha Renewable Energy for eastern Kittitas County. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) staff met with Andrew Young and consultants from West Inc. on September 25th and toured the site.

Part of the discussion during the tour related to the stream crossings for the proposed power transmission lines that would connect the Wild Horse project to existing transmission systems. We visited the proposed crossing site at Parke Creek and discussed several construction options. We understand that your preferred option would not require any work in the stream or any equipment crossings of the stream. Instead, you plan to pull the power conductors into position by using smaller cables, which can be placed without the use of heavy equipment. If this technique can be used, we do not anticipate any impacts to the stream or its associated riparian vegetation. Therefore, no Hydraulic Project Approval (or equivalent construction conditions) would be required from WDFW. If your plans should change, or you need to work within the streams at other locations within the project, please submit a JARPA (or equivalent EFSEC application) form, so that we can recommend measures for the protection of fish and their habitats.

Feel free to call me (509-457-9314) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted A. Clausing".

Ted A. Clausing
Regional Habitat Program Manager

cc: Jeff Tayer, Regional Director
Peter Birch, Deputy Assistant Director
Lauri Vigue, Major Projects
Brent Renfrow, District Habitat Biologist